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SUBJECT: ISRAELI OVERFLIGHTS OF LEBANON

REF: A. BEIRUT 4077; B. BEIRUT 4041

1. WE AGREE THAT OVERFLIGHTS ARE PROVOCATIVE AND LIKELY TO
STRENGTHEN DANGEROUS MISPERCEPTIONS AMONG CHRISTIANS.

2. RATHER THAN GO AT ISRAELIS PIECEMEAL ON THIS AND SIMILAR
ISSUES, HOWEVER, BELIEVE IT MORE EFFECTIVE TO TAKE UP OVER-
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FLIGHTS ALONG WITH SPECIFIC DETAIL'S ON ISRAELI ARMS SHIP-
MENTS TO MILITIAS WHICH SARKIS HAS PROMISED US (REFTEL B).
QUESTION OF CHRISTIAN COOPERATION WITH UNIFIL IN THE SOUTH
COULD BE ADDRESSED AT SAME TIME.

3. EMBASSY TEL AVIV THEREFORE SHOULD HOLD OFF MAKING POINT
ABOUT OVERFLIGHTS UNTIL DETAILS FOR COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

HAVE BEEN MARSHALLED.
CHRISTOPHER

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